

**Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation  
Bureau of Fire Control and Forestry  
Proposed Timber Harvest Summary  
Name: Home Fuel Wood Program**

**Date Posted: July 18, 2007**

**End of Comment Period: September 1, 2007**

<b>Region:</b>	North East Region
<b>Recreation District:</b>	Atlantic - Great Brook
<b>Forest Management District:</b>	North East
<b>State Forests:</b>	Townsend, Harold Parker, Billerica, Georgetown-Rowley, Willowdale
<b>Closest Road:</b>	Various
<b>Towns:</b>	Various
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**Stand Description:**

These are various stands spread throughout the North East Forest Management District.

**Aesthetic, Recreation and Wildlife Considerations:**

**Aesthetic:** In this program, tree utilization is extremely good. Residual slash there is lopped low so it is not highly visible, especially after a full growing season. No slash is allowed within 10 feet of the woods roads.

**Recreation:** There is minimum impact to recreation activity because the work is all by hand. Only the better woods roads are used because the program is designed for homeowners or renters with pickup trucks. Woods roads are kept clear for passage.

**Wildlife:** Large sawlog size trees with wildlife cavities, live snags and known nest trees shall be retained. Large mast producers will be retained and released. Browse will increase in two to five years.

**Sale Layout:**

Treatment areas will have groups of 3 to 15 lots with each lot yielding between 2 and 10 cords. The Townsend harvest is being used to enhance the fire fuel break off Route 13 near the New Hampshire – Massachusetts state line. Billerica is in a recently burned area and is included to salvage and/or remove damaged trees. Demand for fuel wood is increasing in the eastern portion of this district. A goal of forty lots in the district is hoped to satisfy the recent increase in demand.

**Silviculture:**

The goals of these harvests are 1) improvement cuts, 2) forest thinning from below and 3) to provide fuel wood to homeowners and renters. Homeowners will be thinning hardwood trees near good quality woods roads. Since the Home Fuel Wood Program is meant to benefit individuals and families, the trees are smaller and more easily handled. The method of removal is to hand carry the cordwood to pickup trucks. The period of removal is from September until the first good snow fall (4"+) that persists on the ground.

**Park Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_**Regional Director:** \_\_\_\_\_**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_**District Forester:** \_\_\_\_\_**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_